

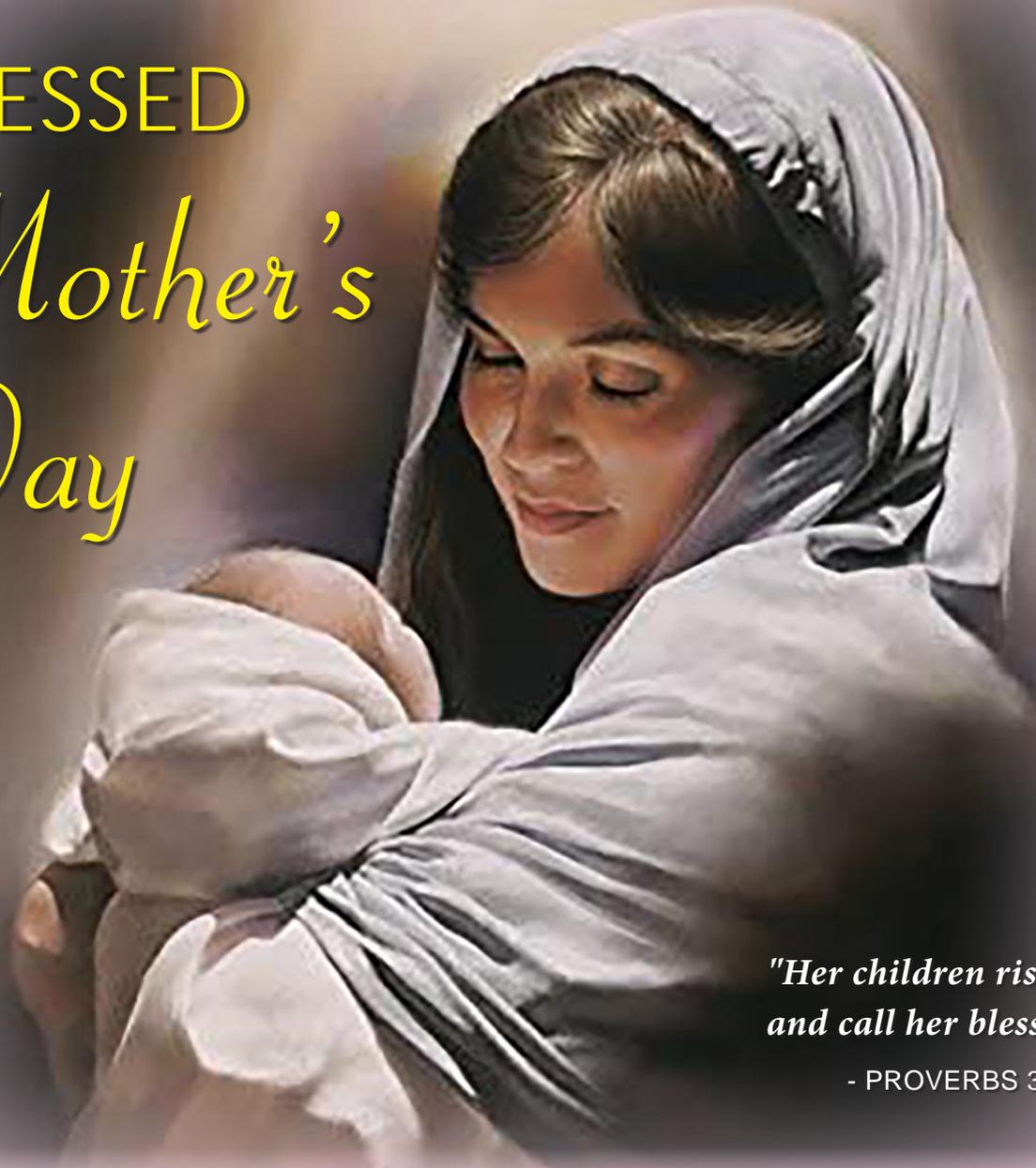


ST. JOHN XXIII Catholic Church

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May 10, 2020

BLESSED *Mother's Day*



*"Her children rise up
and call her blessed."*

- PROVERBS 31:28

ONLINE BULLETIN ONLY - NOT PRINTED

May 10, 2020

Please Note:

**There will be
CONFESSIONS
outside the church
Every Saturday
8:30am-9:30am
LIVE streaming
MASSES on
Facebook/Website**

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239-561-3713 (Fax)

MINISTRY TO THE SICK:

A priest is on call 7 days a week,
24hrs a day for these hospitals:
**Health Park - St. Columbkille
Church** 239-489-3973
Lee Memorial - St. Francis
Xavier Church 239-334-2161
Gulf Coast - St. John XXIII
239-561-2245

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT:

You are encouraged to receive
the Sacrament of the Sick before
being admitted to a facility.
St. Columbkille - Hope Hospice
239-489-3973
9470 Health Park Circle,
Ft. Myers, FL
**St. Raphael - Lehigh Acres
Health & Rehab Center**
239-369-2194
1550 Lee Blvd, Lehigh Acres, FL
Hope Hospice 239-369-1831
1201 Wings Way, Lehigh Acres, FL
St. Leo - Hope Hospice
239-992-0901
27200 Imperial Pkwy,
Bonita Springs, FL
St. Vincent de Paul - Select
2073 Lafayette St. Ft. Myers
239-693-0818

The Mission of St. John XXIII Catholic Church is to actively engage all those who desire to more fully accept and live out the message of Christ, welcoming and respecting all people regardless of background, history, race or color, as we strive to nurture spiritual growth and personal holiness on our journey to become more responsible stewards of God's gifts.

Mass Intentions

PLEASE NOTE:

The following Masses are being celebrated privately by one of our priests. We will be streaming Masses on Facebook.

MONDAY, MAY 11

- † Angelo & Helen Percacciolo by Jo Ann Gair Wilson

TUESDAY, MAY 12

- ♥ Our Lady of Fatima by The Cherubin Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

- † Leona Cook by Paul & Judy Cook

THURSDAY, MAY 14

- † James & Rose Aloisi by Peter & Rosanne Meade

FRIDAY, MAY 15

- † Jennifer Von Wahlde by Marty & Kate Von Wahlde

SATURDAY, MAY 16

- † James Noe by Mary & Joel Bloom
- † Charles Elias by Faith D'Andrea
- ♥ Peace

SUNDAY, MAY 17

- † Jim Nix by The Mehringer Family
- † Sharon M. Grill by Robert & Patricia Ryan
- ♥/† Living & Deceased Members of the Women's Guild
- ♥ Parishioners of St. John XXIII

THE 2020 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR

To ensure availability throughout the year, we must limit requests for the English speaking Masses to no more than (2) weekend Masses and (2) weekday Masses for the entire year. Other options will remain available: Tabernacle Candle \$15 per week, Eucharistic Host \$15 per week.

MAY 17, 2020 - READINGS

- 1ST READING 8:5-8, 14-17
- 2ND READING 3:15-18
- GOSPEL 14:15-21

Confession UPDATE

Confessions will be held
OUTSIDE the CHURCH
EVERY SATURDAY
8:30am - 9am

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Mother OF God



by: **Fr. William Saunders - Catholic Exchange**

Mary is truly a “mother”. Not just the physical means by which our Lord entered this world, but she is also in the fullest sense mother. As mother, she always wants to present her Son to others, and to lead others to her divine Son. In the Gospels, she presented Him to the shepherds, the Magi, the Priest Simeon and Anna, and to the wedding party at Cana. She desires to do the same for each of us. When our Lord died on the Cross, standing there were His mother, Mary, and St. John the Apostle; Jesus said to Mary, “Woman, there is your son,” entrusting His widowed mother to the care of St. John; and to St. John, “There is your mother” (Jn 19:26-27). Traditionally, we have always held that here Jesus gave Mary as a mother to the Church as a whole and to each of us.

By Her Presence

Over the last 200 years, the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared to many different people all throughout the world. By her presence in our world, the messages she gave, will be one way in which she will convert sinners.

As we learn the messages she spoke, they challenge us to reflect on how we live our life and consider how God might be inviting us to greater conversion of life. Mary’s presence, her concern for all God’s children, is one way by which she will convert sinners.

By Her Prayers

The first way Mary converts sinners is through her prayers. In a different apparition received by a Belgian immigrant in the United States back in 1859, the Blessed Mother told the seer, Adele Brise, “I am the Queen of Heaven who prays for the conversion of sinners.” Assumed body and soul into Heaven, Mary now intercedes for the world.

As the Queen Mother, she advocates for the world before the throne of her son. Isn’t it the case that the hearts of some hardened sinners have been converted and conquered by the Blessed Virgin’s love?

Mary is praying for the conversion of sinners. She’s praying for you and me. And by her prayers, she will obtain the grace of conversion from her Son, and convert sinners.

By Her Example

We meet the Blessed Virgin in the pages of the gospel. The way by which she lived her life offers us a great example.

When we are confronted with vices, we look at Mary’s virtues. When we are tempted towards pride, we remember her humility before God. When we want to be disobedient, we recall her obedience to God’s will. When impurity and unchastity confronts us, her example of purity and chastity inspires us to live similarly. When we wish to ignore the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ, her attentiveness and generosity towards Elizabeth beckons us to respond to their needs.

Let us look to our Blessed Mother’s example and rely on her prayers. May we turn to her always as our own Mother, pleading, “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.”



PRAYER FOR

THE BLESSED MOTHER

Mother's Day - May 10th

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star Of the Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity. There are none who can withstand your power. Oh, Show me herein that you are my Mother. Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Holy Mary, I place this cause for your hands. Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you, Blessed Mother for your mercy toward me and others. Amen.

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers all of our parish family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually, especially:

Elaine Quan	Bernice Pederson
Ryan Novajasky	Linda Sayres
Lynne Haughey	Richard Butler
Carol Clausen	Patty Heilman Normile
Marlene LaRose	Patty Ruth
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek	Michael Smith
Jeff Hlavacek	Mike Foy
Bernadette Frammarino	Lynn Graper Bowman
Antoinette Bosco	Henry Ramirez
Gary Neubauer	Evelyn Williams
Tom Biedak	Marilyn Brummer
Curtis Atkins	Bill Barrett
Ron Ouellette	Scott Geiger
Max Waters	Jennifer Jackson
John Kopp	Doug Rizzi
Jennifer Szlzman	Jim & Diane Wittenauer
Lea Frazier	Frank Carroll
Deborah Hufstedler	Mary Ellen Walker

These names are kept in the bulletin for one month. If you would like continual prayer, please add your name to the prayer book in the Narthex.

The best way to ensure your loved ones are consistently prayed for within our greater E-Prayer Community - email Betsy Engelbrecht at e-prayer@popejohn23.net

Their names will be circulated to an ever-growing list of people who will pray for them by name!

Ways to Memorialize

For requests to memorialize a loved one, please email the parish office at: info@johnxxiii.net

Prayers for Eternal Life

*Life is changed, not ended.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!*

Marge Harrington



Adoration Chapel

**For all victims of the Coronavirus.
We pray for worldwide healing.**



Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Jim Harley**
Requested by: **Dave & Andrea**





WATCH ON FACEBOOK

DAILY MASS:

8:00am Monday - Saturday

SATURDAY, MAY 9:

- 4:00pm with Fr. Angelo
 - 8:00pm Vietnamese Mass:
- <https://www.facebook.com/fort.myers.5454>

SUNDAY, MAY 10:

- 11:15am with Fr. Bob & Fr. Saji
 - 1:30pm Spanish Mass:
- <https://www.facebook.com/ministeriohispano.sanjuan.1>



WATCH AT HOME:

<https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/communications/tvmass/>

WFTX-TV FOX 4 - Sundays at 10:30am



<https://osvhub.com/st-john-xxiii-parish/funds>

FOLLOW ST. JOHN XXIII
on INSTAGRAM

<https://www.instagram.com/stjohnxxiiichurch/>



WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Carl & Pauline Silveri
- James & Carolyn Schroth
- Kekai & Meagan Beyer
- Mike & Elaine Keatley

Those who are new to our Parish this year, and those who've been coming for years without being registered, we need your help in staying organized and planning for our future needs. Having an accurate database of our parishioners will help us know where and how we need to grow. Thank you to everyone who registered with our Parish. If you have not received a welcome letter, please call the Parish Office to confirm your registration. All new parishioners, and those interested in registering in our Parish, are invited to attend **The New Parishioner Orientation on a date to be determined.**

This is your opportunity to become informed and active members of the parish and participate in our various ministries. Registering at St. John XXIII is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community. Please let the parish office know your email address OR you can even update it on the Parish website! www.johnxxiii.net

Frequently, those seeking to celebrate Marriage, Baptisms or serve as sponsors for Confirmation or Baptism request a letter stating that they are parishioners. To receive such a letter, one must be registered in the parish, attend Mass regularly, and be committed to stewardship of time, talent and treasure. One means of verifying participation is through the use of parish offertory envelopes. If you choose not to participate in the support of the parish or are unable to contribute at this time, please at least note your prayerful support on your envelope and place it in the weekly offertory basket.

PRAYERS FOR

Our Military Personnel

PFC Bryan Bard
Sean Ball
Major Bart Boma
Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove
Sgt. Phil Dellibovi
Staff Sgt. Chris Dominski
CPT Andrew Dugan, Spec. Forces
Major Andrew Duguay
Sgt. Jared Gaudet
Tech Sgt Jeffrey K. Green
Capt. Kellyn C. Hall
Andrew Herman
1st Lt. Paige Hortman
Sgt. Kathleen Hudepohl
PFC Michael P Hughes
SPC Michael Jednak
PFC Andrew Kanopkh
Michael Klem
Capt. Bradley D. Laux
Capt. Jacob Mundo, US Army
SSGT Anthony Padula
LCP James Palenik
Master SGT Peter Parison
Sgt. Justin Pingicer, Army
Lt. Col. Brady Sexton

2nd Lt. Kristen Thompson
Christian Troutner, US Navy
Alex Zizzo, US Navy Medic
PFC Jordan Feil, USA
Sgt. Hayden Linde, FLARNG
Aaron Crump, USCG
Sgt. Nathaniel Broemmel
Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo
Col. Scott C. Woodward
Private Nicholas Loeb, ARNG
Andrew Hawkinson, USN
Cavalry Scout Specialist,
Ryan Silva, Army
2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC
Jared Broemmel, US Navy
Army 2nd Lieutenant Edward
Hudson Tillinghast IV
Jethro Ignacio, US Air Force
1st Lt. Christopher Dryhurst,
US Air Force
Com. Craig Fowler, USN
Eric Sanchez, US Air Force
1st Lt. Colin Snook, 82nd ABN
Lt. Col. Mike Garry, US Army
82nd ABN



Faith Formation

Contact **Chris Biel** | 561-7499 | chrisdre@johnxxiii.net

As a precaution to Corona Virus outbreak, Faith Formation classes for both Wednesday and Sunday continue to be cancelled until further notice. Please check your weekly Faith Formation emails, the online bulletin or Facebook for updates. In addition, weekly emails will have activities and resources to keep your children connected to class and the parish.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Mark your calendars now! Vacation Bible Camp will be held June 22 to June 26th from 9am-12noon. The Camp is open to children in Kindergarten through those entering 6th Grade. We also have a Pre K 4 program. This year's theme is Rocky Railway! Jesus pulls us through. Registration forms are available online. The camp fills quickly. Please don't delay registering your child! Due to its popularity, the camp is only open to St. John XXIII parishioners.



SACRAMENT PREPARATION:

BAPTISM: Congratulations on your decision to baptize your child! At St. John XXIII, we are happy to help your family prepare for the celebration. Baptisms are offered for registered members of Saint John XXIII and are scheduled only after the preparation process is completed by the parents. Please do not make arrangements for family members until you have actually received a date. Contact the office at (239) 561-2245 for more information or to begin the process.

FIRST COMMUNION: (also called First Eucharist and First Reconciliation) Children in first grade or above, who have expressed a desire and willingness and are attending Mass, are welcome to begin the two year process of preparing for these Sacraments. The first year consists of regular attendance at Faith Formation classes or through a Diocesan Catholic school. (Either St. Francis Xavier or St. Andrew) The second year continues those classes, but also adds in direct Sacramental Preparation (Reconciliation and Communion) sessions. Please contact Chris at 561-7499 for more information or to begin the process. Parents who home school their children must contact the office during Year I.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation is a two year process that begins at the start of 9th Grade and is celebrated in the Fall of 11th grade. (Older teens are certainly welcome!). Each year consists of Faith Formation through the parish Youth Group or a Diocesan Catholic school (Bishop Verot) as well as scheduled Confirmation classes and a retreat. Please note: Students from Bishop Verot must register and attend the preparation classes at the beginning of 9th grade. If you are entering the 9th grade or would like more information on our program, contact Chris at (239) 561-7499 to begin the process.

ADULT FAITH

Education

ALL IN-PERSON CLASSES
ARE POSTPONED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE

Keep in TOUCH with your *Faith* ONLINE:

OPENING THE WORD

YOUR JOURNEY INTO
THE SUNDAY READINGS



Watch a short video each week on **Formed.org** to help prepare you for the upcoming Sunday Readings. Register at <https://johnxxiii.formed.org/> and follow the instructions to sign in and watch Opening the Word. View all of the Catholic content 24/7. Please join our weekly Zoom meeting. Email **Terry Penza** at: terry@terrypenza.com for more information.



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1. Apple users can download the iOS app.
2. Android users can use FORMED on the go with these easy instructions.

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ONLINE

Bible Studies

WATCH NEW BIBLE STUDIES
with Jeff Cavins & Others at:

<https://www.facebook.com/AscensionPress/>



May Crowning

Father Bob honored our Blessed Mother with the May crowning on Sunday, May 3rd.



MUSIC MINISTRY



ST. JOHN XXIII

Catholic Church

Contact: **Lisa Sreeton** | musicdirector@johnxxiii.net

LESSONS IN LITURGY

What is an Epistle?

HOW DOES IT DIFFER FROM A GOSPEL?

Gospels are the story of the life of Jesus Christ, along with His advice to those who choose to follow Him. Epistles are letters written by Apostles of family members of Jesus to specific groups of people with specific messages.

The word epistle comes from the Greek word epistole that means "letter" or "message." Epistles were a primary form of written communication in the ancient world, especially during New Testament times, and many of the New Testament books were originally written as letters to churches or individuals. An epistle would have been written on a scroll. Often, it was dictated and then reviewed by the author before being delivered by a trusted messenger. The Epistles are all found in the New Testament and include 21 of the New Testament's 27 books, extending from Romans to Jude (Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1, 2, and 3 John, and Jude).



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHAPEL



NOW OPEN

for ADORATION of the
BLESSED SACRAMENT

10:00am to 1:00pm
MONDAY - FRIDAY

We welcome you to spend time in quiet prayer with 10 people at a time for prayerful reflection. (Enter near the Vietnamese Statue)

Please follow the safety guidelines from our Bishop:

- **You must wear a mask**
- **Bring your own hand sanitizer**
- **Always practice the 6-foot distancing inside and outside the Chapel**



TIP 4 COVID-19 PARENTING

Bad Behavior

All children misbehave. It is normal when children are tired, hungry, afraid, or learning independence. And they can drive us crazy when stuck at home.

Redirect

- Catch bad behavior early and redirect your kids' attention from a bad to a good behavior.
- Stop it before it starts! When they start to get restless, you can distract with something interesting or fun: "Come, let's play a game together."

Take a Pause

- Feel like screaming? Give yourself a 10-second pause. Breathe in and out slowly five times. Then try to respond in a calmer way.
- Millions of parents say this helps - A LOT.

Use consequences

Consequences help teach our children responsibility for what they do. They also allow discipline that is controlled. This is more effective than hitting or shouting.

- Give your child a choice to follow your instruction before giving them the consequence.
- Try to stay calm when giving the consequence.
- Make sure you can follow through with the consequence. For example, taking away a teenager's phone for a week is hard to enforce. Taking it away for one hour is more realistic.
- Once the consequence is over, give your child a chance to do something good, and praise them for it.

Keep using Tips 1-3

- One-on-One time, praise for being good, and consistent routines will reduce bad behaviour.
- Give your children and teens simple jobs with responsibilities. Just make sure it is something they are able to do. And praise them when they do it!

For more information search the below links:

Parenting tips from WHO

Parenting tips from UNICEF

In worldwide languages

EVIDENCE-BASE



Online Giving



ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

13060 Palomino Lane, Fort Myers, FL 33912
<https://osvhub.com/st-john-xxiii-parish/funds>

May, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

We are pleased to announce that as of May, Online Giving is available for you to make contributions to St. John XXIII parish. This option makes use of current technology and security standard, and allows you to easily setup recurring contributions. It also enables our parish to take advantage of new tools to become more efficient.

ONLINE GIVING PARISHIONER BENEFITS:

- Secure and confidential. No need to share payment information with the parish office.
- Efficient. Set up direct withdrawals from your checking or savings account or a credit card.
- Simple. Start, stop and change your contributions at any time.
- Convenient. No need to write a check or have cash available.

Online Giving is intended to be a convenient tool for you to use and we strongly support both Online Giving and offering envelopes for contributions to the parish. Online Giving is the electronic way to participate in weekly offertory.

START GIVING ONLINE TODAY!

- Visit our parish website at <https://osvhub.com/st-john-xxiii-parish/funds> and click on the online giving link.
- Create an Account
- Schedule Your Recurring Gifts

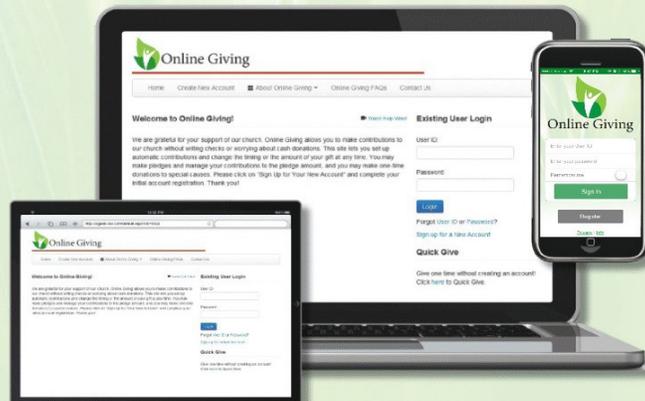
Please prayerfully consider giving online. If you have any questions, email the parish office at: info@johnxxiii.net

God Bless,

Father Bob Tabbert



Giving has never been easier!





ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church

Weekly Financials



	May 3, 2020	May 5, 2019	Difference
Offertory	\$16,463.00	\$36,713.50	\$20,250.50
Building Fund	\$1,525.00	\$6,527.00	\$5,002.00
Total	\$17,988.00	\$43,240.50	\$25,252.50
Mass Attendance	0		
Registered Families	3672	2911	

No money is kept on Church property. Thank you for your continued generosity!

***Please make your checks payable to "St. John XXIII"**

2020 Catholic Faith Appeal

2020 Goal	\$492,000.00
Pledge	\$268,615.93
% of Goal	54.60%
% of Households	17.10%
Payments	\$200,592.33

Planning Your Will



Remember St. John XXIII

A bequest is a wonderful way to express gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings! The gift you give establishes a lasting legacy of love for others by helping the Church to continue our Catholic heritage through its many ministries.

PLEASE NOTE: Leaving money to the Parish in your will is not assessed and 100% goes to the parish.

The following is possible wording for including a bequest in your will:

"I bequeath the greater of \$_____ or _____% of the residue of my estate to Bishop Frank J. Dewane, (or his successor), Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida, a corporation sole, whose principal office is located at 1000 Pinebrook Rd., Venice, FL 34285, For the benefit of St. John XXIII Catholic Parish, in Fort Myers, Inc."

The actual wording in your will should be determined by you and your attorney.

For more information, questions, or wish to consider a gift annuity or trust for St. John XXIII Catholic Church, then please email:

Holly Atkins: holly@johnxxiii.net



Thank You!

ELECTRONIC GIVING

We are so grateful for your prayerful and continued financial support during this pandemic. We appreciate your on-line donations to keep our parish running. Please use this new link:

<https://osvhub.com/st-john-xxiii-parish/funds>

MAKING A STOCK TRANSFER

When making a stock transfer to the Diocese of Venice on behalf of **St. John XXIII**, please email **holly@johnxxiii.net** to let us know you made the request. Sometimes a transfer comes to the Diocese with no name or no parish name. This will help us track the transaction. Thank you.

ENDOWMENT FUND



CREATE YOUR CATHOLIC LEGACY

HELP ENSURE THE LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF ST. JOHN XXIII

St. John XXIII now has an endowment fund with the Catholic Community Foundation of SW Florida. The endowment fund is designed to help provide long-term support and sustainability far beyond our lifetimes, and is open to anyone wishing to contribute to the future of our Parish. Please **PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER SUPPORTING** the endowment fund.

For more information, contact **Michael Morse** at **(941) 441-1124** or email **Holly Atkins** in the Parish Office at **info@johnxxiii.net**



ST. JOHN XXIII
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General Announcements

- **Have You Listened to Our Podcasts?** Listen to our weekly inspirational messages from Father Bob and homilies from Mass. Visit our site weekly at johnxxiii.podbean.com
- **"Like" our Facebook Page!** For all the latest happenings and inspirational messages "Like" us on Facebook. Just search "St. John XXIII Catholic Church".
- **Our Weekly Newsletter:** Visit our website, johnxxiii.net, scroll down to "Stay Connected" and enter your email address.
- **Download Our Parish App:** Foster a stronger parish life at St. John XXIII and better engage the New Evangelization. Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish. You can also text the word "APP" to 88202
- **St. John XXIII Catholic Church Mass Times:** Stay up to date and visit: <http://johnxxiii.net/info/new-mass-schedule/> for our Mass schedule.
- **Interested in Serving our Parish Family During Mass?** Men, women and teens may serve as a Greeter, Usher, Lector, or Eucharistic Minister. Please contact the parish office at (239) 561-2245, if you feel called to serve in any of these areas, we can use your time and talent!
- **Free Mental Health Services :** Catholic Charities offers Free mental health services for adults, children and families. Counselors can help resolve with a wide variety of issues such as stress, anger, anxiety, relationship problems, trauma, depression, low self-esteem and grief. Call (239) 337-4193
- **St. Luke Adoration Chapel:** The Chapel will be remain CLOSED until MASSES resume. We will keep you updated with any changes.
- **Thrift Store Closed:** The Thrift Store is closed and is not accepting drop off donations, nor picking up at this time. All questions may be emailed to thrift@johnxxiii.net during the shut-down.
- **Non-Perishable Donations:** Please consider donating items to St. Martin DePorres to help people in need during this pandemic.
- **Making a Stock Transfer:** When making a stock transfer to the Diocese of Venice on behalf of St. John XXIII, please email holly@johnxxiii.net to let us know you made the request. Sometimes a transfer comes to the Diocese with no name or no parish name. This will help us track the transaction.
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- **FREE Rosary Repair:** Send broken rosaries in a padded envelope to: Betty & Dick Holden, 7930 Estero Blvd., #502, Ft. Myers Beach, FL 33931. Rosaries will be returned within a week of receipt. Old or broken rosaries may also be donated, repaired and sent to the missions. For more information email: holdenbnd@gmail.com or call Dick at (239) 463-3993

RESPECT LIFE

CONTACT US:

The Respect Life Ministry is open to all who are interested in learning about LIFE issues from conception to natural death. If you would like to be kept up to date please join our email list at at: respectlifejohn23@gmail.com

Thank You!

Verity would like to thank the St. John XXIII parishioners for their donations and kindness by helping meet the needs of our clients during this time in our community and our nation. We are truly blessed by your generosity!



PREGNANCY & MEDICAL
RESOURCE CENTER
www.veritypmc.com

SAVE A LIFE

If you are interested in finding out about upcoming blood drives, or to find out if there is a blood drive near you, call the Blood Center at (239) 343-2333





Parish NURSING MINISTRY

A HEALING MESSAGE for body, mind and soul



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As we all know, COVID-19 has been world wide news since the WHO made it a global emergency on Jan 30th, 2020.

We all miss what was our former normal life; going to work, going to school, and praying in our churches.

What would St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta do in this situation?

The answer is this: St Mother Teresa would minister to the poor and vulnerable. As part of her mission, she would continue to care for those afflicted with Hansen’s disease (known as Leprosy) who were shunned. The corona virus of today is similar because it is very communicable. Those with the virus are cared for in controlled, isolated hospital settings under the care of healthcare personnel in a protective environment and need to be separated from family and friends to prevent transmission to others.

Mother Teresa did not shun those afflicted as she prayed to the Blessed Virgin and called upon Mary many times with her favorite prayer, the Memorare. She would repeat this “Flying Novena”, as she called it, nine consecutive times. An example was when the Holy Father in 1984 was celebrating Mass outdoors, and as people were gathering, it began to rain very heavily. St. Teresa and her fellow sisters began to pray the “Flying Novena” of nine consecutive Memorares for beautiful weather. By the 7th set of Memorares, the umbrellas folded and by the ninth set of the “Flying Novena” umbrellas closed and the rain stopped. Mother Teresa would often pray the ‘Flying Novena’ for a very sick child, and to obtain gasoline when fuel was running short on a night-time mission.

Here is the Memorare:

“Remember Oh most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you oh Virgin of Virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. Oh Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your clemency hear and answer me. Amen”

Let us pray this beautiful prayer for our world, all healthcare workers, and first responders. Let’s pray also for our faith community.

We must continue to practice social distancing, wash our hands frequently, wear masks when out in public, and wear disposable gloves especially when pumping gasoline.

St Mother Teresa of Calcutta, was an extraordinary human being who had her own demons of depression. She gave strength, care, and compassion to those in most need. She is a saint for our times.

One last famous quote from Mother Teresa. “ Spread love wherever you go: And let no one ever come to you without leaving happier”

As parish nurses, this is our mission: strength, care and compassion to our faith community.



“There is a light in this world, a healing spirit more powerful than any darkness we may encounter.”

- St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Catholic Community HAPPENINGS

Help Your Parish: During these challenging times, Parishes face increased risk of financial shortfalls due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic and its effects on everyday life. Parishes depend on weekly financial gifts to continue their ministries, especially in this critical time of crisis. Please prayerfully consider an online donation to your parish by visiting <https://dioceseofvenice.org/ways-to-give/parish-donations-online/>

Catholic Charities Support: Financial support is needed during its response to the COVID-19 pandemic. To help, please visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org/donate or send a check to: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice Inc., 5824 Bee Ridge Road, PMB 409, Sarasota, FL 34233-5065

Televised Mass for the Homebound: For those who are unable to attend Mass due to medical or physical limitations, the Diocese of Venice offers a televised Mass each Sunday. For viewers in the northern portions of the Diocese, the Mass airs at 9:30am on the CW Network; and for those in the southern portions of the Diocese, the Mass is at 10:30am on WFTX-TV (FOX-4)

Witnessing the Faith: Listen to Bishop Dewane on Relevant Florida Radio the last Friday of every month at 8:30am. Listen anywhere at RelevantRadio.com

Project Rachel Post-Abortion: Reconciliation and healing is available to you. For more information, please call: Sylvia at (941) 412-5860 e-mail: project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org or visit: www.hopeafterabortion.com

Spiritual Adoption Program: You are invited to register to spiritually adopt an unborn child in danger of abortion. Visit www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/respect-life/spiritual-adoption-program and receive monthly updates on the development of the child in the womb. Call (941) 441-1101 or email Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org

Novena of Masses for Life: Participate in a Mass near you and pray for life! Visit www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife for the monthly schedule of Novena of Masses for Life.

Free Mental Health Counseling: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. is offering free mental health counseling services for adults, children and families who lived in Florida during Hurricane Irma. Counselors can help resolve a variety of issues. Visit the website at www.catholiccharitiesdov.org or call Joan at (941)-355-4680 ext. 311

Treatment Center for Teens: Newly opened treatment center for teen substance abuse at the Vince Smith Center. Located at 2450 Prince St. in Ft. Myers. They offer a therapeutic environment for teens ages 13-17. Education is provided by the Lee County School District. For more information call (239) 338-2306

Know Your Immigration Rights: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has numerous resources outlining the rights of immigrants located on the website www.justiceformigrants.org

Informational Websites: Stay current with what is happening in the Catholic Church: Whispers in the Loggia (whispersintheloggia.blogspot.com), Catholic News Service (www.catholicnews.com), CRUX (cruxnow.com), Bishop Barron (www.wordonfire.org), Fr. Richard Rohr (cac.org/category/daily-meditations)

Craftie Ladies

SPRING UPDATE

The Craftie Ladies have been staying at home, until this virus passes. Many of us have been making masks for the hospital and taking this opportunity to craft articles for our October sale. There is some news however: In March, a group of us took a field trip to McGregor Baptist Church, to meet and mingle with their prayer shawl group. They have about 20 women who meet every Wednesday, and knit or crochet prayer blankets, like we do. We had a lot of fun meeting them, and talking "shop". We plan to have them over to the Villas after this is over. It is wonderful that these Christian women can meet, share their love of their craft, and the Lord.



Verity:

Our Kelly, the Verity leader, filled all 100 bags of baby items, and delivered them to Verity Pregnancy Center. This is generally a group event, but that was impossible this year. Thank you Kelly! That was a huge task on her part, and we appreciate it very much!

Staying Positive:

During this time, we have all been turned upside down in our daily routines. Life has certainly changed for everyone. But we believe that much good that comes out of this tragedy. Good always comes through the darkness.

We hope everyone comes through this healthy and are following medical directives on keeping safe. We will begin accepting yarn again when we are allowed back to church which can not be soon enough!

For more information, questions or inquiries, email the Craftie Ladies at: craftieladiesxxiii@gmail.com

WE WILL SURVIVE: BY TOM POWER

We are entering some very difficult times and uncharted waters in the next several weeks to months. We have not been through this as a nation before and it will certainly test our character, our resolve and our love for one another. We will be challenged by questions like, “how large is our family, who is in our family, where does our front door step end?” Family life as we know it will be challenged. Spending more time together does not necessarily mean that that time will be quality time unless we develop a plan and have a commitment to make that happen.

I spoke with a couple recently who had a long-distance relationship for 3 years before getting married. They were only seeing each other on weekends. They were telling me about the initial difficulties they had experienced together when beginning their full-time, married life together – “we were together 7 days a week, breakfasts every morning and dinners together every night. As much as we wanted this and thought that it was good, there was an adjustment period that was required before we felt at home with each other.” The same with our family members. We are going to be around each other more and more; schools will be closed, parents will be working from home, and perhaps grandparents will have to come live with you. I really want to forewarn you, as a way of preparing you, that it is a normal part of family accommodation to learn to adjust to having more family time together all of a sudden. This is not a family vacation period. This will become a family stress time that you can be ready to handle.

I would like to suggest that you PLAN. You will have more dinners together just because everyone is home from school and there are no events in the evenings at school for kids to go to. Challenge always brings opportunity; but only, if you plan for it. Parents could go for walks together; plan and discuss how to get your act together. Work together. Which child needs more time with one of you? Should we turn off the TV for some definitive time each day or curtail devices? I don't know your family well enough to make a recommendation; I am only trying to prepare you before you get entrenched in a pattern that doesn't work and then you have to try twice as hard to get it to change. I worry about the virus causing friction between partners and I don't mean the fun kind. If you are doing this by yourself, call a friend to help out, take shifts, get help.

I am reminded and encouraged by the words of Gloria Gaynor's song, I Will Survive as I saw her singing that song and washing her hands to the beat on TV. The most important lines of that song for me are the refrain:

“Oh, no, not I, I will survive

Oh, as long as I know how to love, I know I'll stay alive

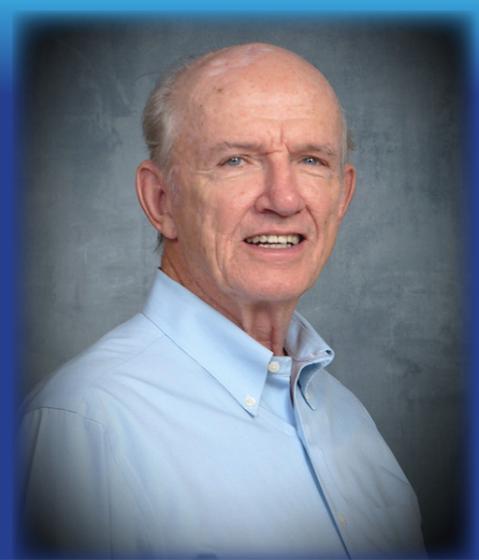
I got all my life to live

And I got all my love to give and I'll survive”

This takes us back to last week's column (I hope you saw Ryan Estis' You Tube video) where we were talking about how Lily was not pouring coffee for her customers, but rather, she was pouring cups of happiness. She turned a mundane act – pouring coffee in an airport coffee shop – into a human, caring interaction. We are going to have to demand of ourselves to have Lily's attitude and Gloria Gaynor's passion to battle the times we are about to face.

We are all in this together. We will only survive if we all pull together, protect each other and come together! If I can help, you have my email address. Let's talk more about this article online at

www.familyconsultationservices.com/articles



About TOM POWER

I was drawn to becoming a family therapist because I wanted to repair and rehab my own family issues. Then, after many years of training, I was prepared to help others. I have spent a significant portion of my own life addressing my ability to listen effectively and communicate responsibly in my goal to create an authentic life. I could not help you if I did not know the journey.

First, as a clinical member and Approved Supervisor with the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy for over 20 years, I worked to help individuals and couples to thrive in relationships not just survive...to learn to live passionate and intimate lives while raising children and launching them. And then, for another 20 plus years, as a business owner (with 50 employees) and consultant to Family-Owned businesses, I used that same commitment, willingness to challenge the status quo and desire for excellence to propel and demonstrate my belief that everything could be improved if you were committed to telling and living the truth!

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MOTHER'S DAY

FUN FACTS

- Mother's Day originated in the United States in the early 1900's and was recognized as a holiday in 1914.
- In the majority of the world's languages, the word for "mother" all begin with the letter M.
- Of all the flowers bought for holidays, one quarter are purchased for Mother's Day.
- Approximately \$14 billion dollars is spent on Mother's Day.
- In what was formerly Yugoslavia, children would tie up their mother on Mother's Day. The only way she could get free would be to pay her children with treats.
- In the United States alone, an estimated 122 million phone calls are made to moms on Mother's Day.
- Carnations are very popular flowers for Mother's Day and are thought to be made from the tears of Jesus' mother (Mary) when she wept at his feet the day He was crucified.
- The most common flower for Mother's Day is the carnation. Pink and red represent for mothers who are alive and white for those who have passed away.
- Mother's Day is celebrated in close to 50 countries in different parts of the world.

Happy Mother's Day

Parenting Pointer:

Although sometimes spouses honor their wives on this day, let your children take their proper role. If they don't have the money or an idea for a gift, fathers can suggest a guaranteed pleaser - "Top 10 reasons I love my mother..."

by Susan Vogt: www.SusanVogt.net

Reflections by: J. Conroy

Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14 -17
Apostles Bring the Holy Spirit:

We read here about the earliest venture outside Jerusalem, into the despised territory of the Samaritans. Note one of the Lucan "Twelve," Philip, is the leader of the mission. Further, it is interesting to note that expulsion of demons was the hallmark of his activity, and this included the curing of the sick. Now the capital of the area called "Samaria" was "Sebaste," or sometimes "Samaria." And this had a large Greek population, perhaps even a majority. When the Jerusalem authorities came, the people "received the Holy Spirit." This implies that the Spirit was present when the church became affiliated with the Mother Church. This is not as much a comment on the theology of Baptism as it is upon the consequences of proper church structure.

Reflections on Scripture

Jack Conroy, Ph.D.

Marriage Moment:

It usually makes marriage easier when spouses are of the same religion, BUT, differences in faith or practice can also lead you to a deeper, even more creative concept of God. Try "Are you Soul Mates or Divided Spirits"

by Susan Vogt: www.SusanVogt.net



OUR LADY OF THE
ROSARY CHAPEL

Stations of the Cross

MEMORIALIZE A LOVED ONE

Artist Chris Scala has designed the beautiful new Stations of the Cross in the Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel. You may want to memorialize one of the stations. The cost is **\$5,000** per station.

This would be a great way to memorialize a loved one. For more information contact **Holly Atkins** in the Parish Office at holly@johnxxx.net



ARTIST: CHRIS SCALA



Memorialization

The art of commemorating the lives of those we love.

